

### **Remarks**

Claims 3-7 and 12-17 remain pending. Claim 1-2, 8-11 and 18-20 are hereby canceled without prejudice to facilitate issuance of the remaining claims. Claims 3, 6, 12, 13, and 14 are hereby amended. No new matter is being added.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Original claims 3-5, 13 and 15-17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were deemed to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, claim 3 is now amended so as to incorporate the limitations of the base claim (original claim 1) and any intervening claims (original claim 2). Hence, applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 3 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 4 and 5 depend from amended claim 3. As such, applicants respectfully submit that claims 4 and 5 are also now in condition for allowance.

With the amendment of claim 6, claims 6 and 7 now also depend from amended claim 3. As such, applicants respectfully submit that claims 6 and 7 are also now in condition for allowance.

Claim 13 is now amended so as to incorporate the limitations of the base claim (original claim 11) and any intervening claims. Hence, applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 13 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 15-17 depend from amended claim 13. As such, applicants respectfully submit that claims 15-17 are also now in condition for allowance.

With the amendment of claims 12 and 14, claims 12 and 14 now also depend from amended claim 13. As such, applicants respectfully submit that claims 12 and 14 are also now in condition for allowance.

**Conclusion**

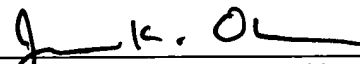
For the above-discussed reasons, applicants respectfully submit that claims 3-7 and 12-17 are now in form for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully requested.


The Examiner is also invited to call the below-referenced attorney to discuss this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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